GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF TOBACCO FARMERS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR has played an active role in protecting the interests of tobacco farmers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has played an active role in protecting the interests of tobacco farmers within the area juridiction of its mandated operation. During the last 50 years the Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI), Rajahmundry under the aegis of ICAR has done commendable work in developing high yielding tobacco varieties and matching production and protection technologies resulting in economic upliftment of tobacco farmers. ICAR is giving full encouragement and sufficient funding for conducting various research activities on tobacco for the selfare of tobacco growers. As compared to VIII Plan (Rs. 465.39 lakhs under Plan and Rs. 2138.45 lakhs for Non-Plan) CTRI has been allocated Rs. 600.00 lakhs under Plan and Rs 3640.00 lakhs under Non-Plan for the IXth Plan.For the All India Coordinated Research Project on Tobacco, Rs. 200.62 lakhs was sanctioned for VIIIth Plan which has been increased to Rs. 391.00 lakhs in the IXth Plan.